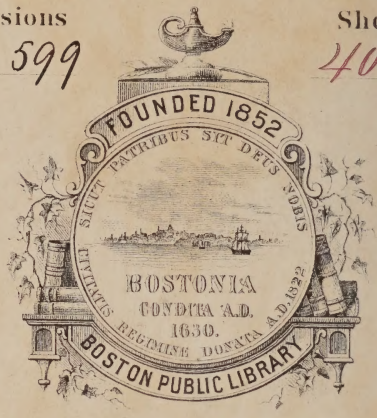

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THE "START."

The American College Regatta, which had its origin in an informal race twenty-three years ago, between Harvard and Yale, on Lake Winnipiseogee, drawing there a thousand spectators, has grown to such dimensions as to attract the earnest attention of two countries, and to bring forth the representative boatmen of fourteen colleges in a friendly contest for supremacy, their latter day contests on Saratoga Lake being witnessed by not less than forty thousand people.

The first boat club in any American college was organized by the Harvards in '44, and an eight-oared boat was purchased in Chelsea. The club consisted of thirteen members of the class of '46. The original name of the boat was changed, and with the title of Oneida, she won several races, one at Lake Winnipiseogee, August 3d, 1852; beating two crews from Yale. Another between Yale and Harvard occurred at Springfield July 21, 1855.

The Oneida was handed down from class to class, until 1857, when she was sold to parties in Boston. A permanent boating club was organized in Harvard in June, 1856; their first boat being an eight-oar. In the fall of 1857 the boat was sold to the Columbia College of New York city, and a six-oared shell took its place.

The idea of an annual regatta between the representatives of the American colleges originated with the Harvard Navy, being suggested by the annual contests between the University crews of Cambridge and Oxford in England.

The first convention of boat clubs was held at New Haven, Conn., May 26, 1858. At that meeting Yale, Harvard, Trinity, and Brown were represented. It was then resolved to hold an annual regatta, and the first was arranged to take place on the Connecticut at Springfield the same year. In consequence of the death, by drowning, of a member of the Yale crew, a day or two before the day appointed, the race was postponed.

The rules which were then adopted have not been materially altered, except in a few minor details. They provided that the course shall be three statute miles in length, that the only prize for the winner shall be a set of colors, and that each college entering shall appoint a judge, these judges to select a referee.

Since that meeting fifteen University Regattas have occurred, the principal contestants being Yale and Harvard. Of late, other colleges have sent crews to strive for the colors, and the public interest is now dispersed among a dozen crews. Some of these have no chance of ever winning, for the simple reason that they have no suitable place for practice. The presence of such crews, while it brings their colleges into temporary notoriety, merely adds to the confusion and increases the chances of collisions and fouls.

The latter day regattas certainly do not partake of that excitement which characterized the struggles on Lake Quinsigamond between old Harvard and Yale.

The Saratoga Rowing Association are making such arrangements to prevent unsatisfactory results, as have been suggested by past experience. The regatta of 1875 will determine the practicability of allowing a large number of crews to compete for college supremacy in boating matters.

AMERICAN COLLEGE REGATTAS.

AUGUST 3, 1852.

YALE AND HARVARD.

Early in 1852, the students of Yale gave a friendly challenge to the boatman of Harvard to meet them on the waters of Lake Winnipiseogee, for a trial of skill. The challenge, though received at a late day, was readily accepted, and the only boat in readiness — the Oneida — was promptly brought to the seat of action. The Yale men furnished two boats, the Undine and the Shawmut. Each boat was manned by eight oarsmen and a cockswain, all in uniform. The trial took place at Centre Harbor, August 3d. A newspaper, in a spirited report of the race, says :—

"Upwards of one hundred students were present, and many of them were accompanied by their parents and friends. That royal man and prince of good fellows, N. B. Baker, of Concord, had the direction of the arrangements. The Concord Mechanics Brass Band furnished the music. The place was crowded [!] with visitors, there being not less than one thousand present. Among the distinguished characters present were Gen.

Pierce [then a candidate for the Presidency], J. S. Thrasher, Esq., of Cuba, and a host of minor celebrities."

In the morning a scrub race of a mile and return took place, the Oneida (Harvard) winning. In the afternoon, the race for the prizes took place, the Oneida being again victorious. Time, 10m. The race was a very exciting one. A pair of silver mounted oars was awarded the winners by Col. Baker, "in a neat and appropriate speech."

The crews on that occasion were:—

Undine (Yale). Julius Catlin, Captain; Geo. W. Smalley, Mate; S. W. Knevals, Theodore Weston, James W. Whiton, Jr., Wm. V. Bartlett, S. H. Tobey, B. K. Phelps, Wm. M. Hudson. Uniform, white and blue.

Shawmut (Yale). R. Waite, Captain; James Hamilton, Mate; Wm. L. Hinman, A. E. Skelding, J. Warren, E. Harland, J. R. Goodrich, Wm. T. Baxter, Wm. C. Brewster, J. S. French, A. E. Kent. Uniform, white and red.

Oneida (Harvard). J. M. Brown, Captain; C. F. Livermore, Mate; C. H. Heard, Sidney Willard, C. J. Paine, W. H. Cunningham, J. W. Hutchins, P. P. Ellis, H. O. Whittemore, C. A. Miles, John Dwight, Thomas J. Curtis. Colors, red, white and blue.

JULY 21, 1855.

YALE AND HARVARD.

The second trial of skill took place at Springfield July 21, 1855, the Harvards entering the Iris, eight-oared, and the "YY," four-oared. Yale entered the Nautilus and Nereid, each six-oared. The distance was three miles — one and one-half and repeat. The Iris won in 22 minutes.

The first regular regatta which was fixed to take place at Springfield on Friday, August 27, 1858, was post-poned, or rather abandoned, on account of the sad drowning of one of the Yale crew, Dunham, of Hart-ford.

JULY 26, 1859.

HARVARD, YALE AND BROWN.

The first regular regatta was augmented by the pres-ence of the Browns. It was rowed on Lake Quinsiga

mond. A newspaper, in its report of the regatta, says in its introduction : —

"The Yale fellows have a fine new shell, somewhat longer than the Harvards, and everything about it is well appointed. Its crew are younger than that of the Harvard, and altogether of a more dandyish [!] and less formidable look. The whole idea of their turnout did not seem to promise success in a three-mile race.

"The boat entered by the 'fellows of Brown's,' was a six-oared lapstreak, weighing three hundred and fifty [350] pounds. The Brown club, however, had agreed to the race, and being disappointed in their expectation of a new shell, they kept their promise to be present, even though they had no chance to win."

Harvard entered a lap streak, and the crew showed fine practice. The Yale men, though heavier, did not show as fine a muscular development as the Harvards.

At four o'clock the boats appeared in line, as follows :

Yale. Six-oared shell; length 46 feet, Spanish cedar. H. E. Johnson, stroke; T. Stanton, Jr., J. H. Twitchell, H. W. Camp, Chas. H. Owen, Fred H. Colton; Hezekiah Watkins, cockswain. Total weight, 998 pounds.

Uniform, light blue pants, silk shirts, light blue skull caps.

Harvard. Six-oared shell; length 40 feet. C. Crowninshield, stroke; W. H. Forbes, E. G. Abbott, H. S. Russell, J. H. Wales, J. H. Ellison. Total weight, 854 pounds.

Uniform, blue pants, white shirts, red handkerchiefs.

Brown. Six-oared lapstreak; length 44½ feet. A. B. Judson, stroke; E. Judson, E. Sears, C. H.

Perry, C. D. Cady, P. S. Jastram, bow; W. H. Ames, cockswain.

Uniform, checked grey pants, salmon silk shirts, blue skull caps.

At the start the Harvards took the lead, pulling a very powerful and steady stroke. The Yales went into a flurry at the outset, and the water flew from her oars in most "unprofessional profusion." She fell astern for a moment but soon rallied with a better stroke.

The Harvards won, 19m. 18s. Yale's time, 20m. 18s. Brown's 24m. 40s. Three miles.

On the night of the regatta the race was freely talked of all around the hotels and in the Union Club Rooms. The Yale boys seemed to feel rather grieved (as all losers do) at the result, and intimated rather broadly a foul; but the opinion seemeed to be that the complaint was founded more in pique than justice.

On the Wednesday following, the Worcester Citizens Regatta took place, and the rival Yales and Harvards agreed to pull again over the course. At the start Harvard took the lead, but as the two went up the course, the Yales began to lessen the gap between them, and soon took the lead. The Yales passed the upper stake-boat a second in advance. At this point, Harvard began to make better play, and again took her place in front. The Yales now began to hug the shore, while the Harvards kept the open lake, having the force of a very strong wind to contend with — a fatal mistake. Just before reaching home the Yales were three lengths ahead, and all that Harvard could do in the short space was to reduce the distance a little more than a half, letting the Yales come in ahead by a trifle over a length.

Time: Yale 19m. 14s. Harvard, 19m. 16s.

JULY 24, 1860.

YALE AND HARVARD.

The second regatta attracted an immense crowd of students and their friends, and the day in Worcester partook largely of the appearance of a holiday.

New York, Boston, Providence, Hartford, and New Haven were well represented.

Freshman Race.

Harvard. C. W. Amory, stroke; J. C. Warren, E. D. Boit, H. S. Dunn, A. Lawrence, E. Greenough. Uniform, white shirts and orange handkerchiefs.

Yale. Thomas D. Kimball, stroke; William G. Grant, Theodore C. Bacon, Henry C. Gwin, Edward L. Keyes, John H. Woodruff; James H. Eakin, cockswain. Uniform, white shirts and light blue caps.

The Harvards won in 19m. 40½s. Yale's time, 20m. 20s.

Sophomore Race.

Harvard. H. H. Burney, stroke; H. Mather, J. Reed, William Hedge, W. T. Washburne, A. Sibley. Uniform, white shirts and handkerchiefs, trimmed with blue.

Yale. Grosvenor Starr, stroke; Henry P. Johnson, W. B. Seeley, Richard Morse, W. L. McClintock, Israel Minor, Jr.; Jacob S. Bochee, cockswain. Uniform, white throughout.

When about half a mile from the stake on the return,

the Harvards being then about four lengths ahead, one of the Yale crew was taken sick, and the crew were obliged to give up the race. The Harvards came in in 20m. 17s.

UNIVERSITY RACE.

Harvard. Caspar Crowninshield, stroke; C. M. Woodward, E. G. Abbott, W. H. Ker, Henry Ropes, J. H. Wales. Uniform, white shirts and red handkerchiefs.

Yale. Henry L. Johnson, stroke; C. S. Stanton, Jr., Wm. E. Bradley, E. P. McKinney, Eugene L. Richards, Brayton Ives; Chas. G. Merrill, cockswain. Uniform, white shirts and blue handkerchiefs.

Brown. P. S. Jastram, C. P. Cady, E P. Brown, O. Lapham, A. M. Bowen; E. H. Sears, stroke. Uniform, salmon-colored shirts and black handkerchiefs.

In drawing for positions, Brown took No. 1; Yale, No. 2; Harvard, outside.

The boats went off together in a most gallant style, but the Harvards soon took the lead; the Yales following closely. There was little difference between them during the entire race. The Browns were a long distance behind. The contest between the Yales and Harvards on the home pull was very close, the latter crossing the line two or three lengths ahead.

Time: Harvard, 18m. 53s.; Yale, 19m. 5½s.; Brown, time not taken.

Referees, for Harvard, J. H. Ellison; for Yale, C. H. Owen; for Brown, Samuel V. Woodruff. Umpire, Nathaniel Paine, of Worcester.

JULY 29, 1864.

HARVARD AND YALE.

After a rest of three years, the boating clubs of Yale and Harvard met on Friday, July 29th, 1864, at Lake Quinsigamond, to strive for supremacy in boating. There was a large gathering of the students and their friends to witness the contest; and the fact that a Base Ball match had been arranged to take place between the nines of the Sophomore classes of Williams and Harvard, brought a good number of the students from Wil liamstown to the city.

There was much betting on the races, and in each the Harvard crews were the favorites, the odds on the Sophomores being two to one, with few takers. In the University race the Harvards were also favorites, and their friends lost heavily.

Sophomore Race.

Harvard. Fred Crowninshield, stroke; Edw. T. Wilkinson, Wm. Blaikie, S. A. B. Abbott, Edw. H. Clark; Chas. H. McBurney, bow.

Yale. C. Roosevelt, stroke; A. B. Herrick, Isaac Pierson, L. D. Buckley, C. F. Bacon; C. F. Brown, bow.

The Yales had the inside position, and on the word being given both started off beautifully, and after rowing a quarter of a mile neither had gained a length; but it was evident that the quick, short stroke of Yale would never last with the long, even pull of their

opponents. And thus it proved. After turning the stake boat they were left behind easily, the Harvards passing the judges' boat in 19m. 5s., while Yale passed in 20m. 16s.

University Race.

Immediately following the Sophomore race, the University crews pulled into position. The race was expected to be very close, both crews being the pictures of health and vigor. Very low time was predicted.

Harvard. Horatio G. Curtis, stroke; Robt. S. Peabody, Thomas Nelson, John Greenough, Edw. C. Perkins; Edwin Fordham, bow.

Yale. W. R. Bacon, stroke; M. W. Seymour, Louis Stozkoff, E. H. Bennett, E. Coffin, Jr.; W. W. Scranton, bow.

As soon as the word was given the Yales, who were inside, went off with a spirited dash, the men showing a marked contrast to the Sophomores. Their stroke was clean and short, and seemed near perfection. The Harvards seemed to stick in the water, and from the first apparently had little chance of winning; but they kept on bravely, and finished 42½s. behind the Yales.

Time: Yale, 19m. 1s.; Harvard, 19m. 43½s.

JULY 28, 1865.

YALE AND HARVARD.

The fourth annual regatta took place on Lake Quinsigamond, and was witnessed by twenty thousand people.

The umpires for the college race were Mr. S. A. B. Abbott for Harvard, and Wm. Wood for Yale, while Joshua Ward acted as referee.

The Yales appeared first, and in fifteen minutes the Harvards followed. The contrast between the crews was very marked; the Yale men appearing much larger and heavier than the Harvards, although it is very seldom a finer crew of their weight can be found anywhere than the latter. Mr. Fenno, of the Harvards, had been seriously ill but he determined on pulling, though he was not really fit to do so.

A beautiful start was affected, both taking the water together. The Yales increased the rapidity of their stroke since last year, and the two crews pulled nearly alike. On getting away, the Yales having the inside position, the splendid pulling of the Harvard crew put them half a length ahead at the grand stand (some quarter of a mile up), but the Yales soon put on a little more steam, and in the next half had got the same advantage. The Yales turned the stake boat three lengths in advance, and increased the lead on the return home, coming in ten lengths ahead, having made the three miles in 18m. 42½s., the best college time yet made on the lake.

The winners were enthusiastically cheered, and they in return cheered the losers.

Yale. W. R. Bacon, stroke; E. B. Bennett, Louis Stozkoff, Isaac Pierson, Edmund Coffin, W. W. Scranton.

Harvard. Fred Crowninshield, stroke; E. T. Wilkinson, Wm. Blaikie, Edw. N. Fenno, Edw. H. Clark; C. H. McBurney, bow.

Time: Yale, 18m. 42½s. Harvard, 19m. 6½s.

JULY 27, 1866.

YALE AND HARVARD.

On Friday, July 27, 1866, the annual regatta between the rival Yales and Harvards took place on Lake Quinsigamond. An hour previous to the University Race the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard, and the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, contested for the honors, Harvard being the winner.

A fine start was made, and at the public stand the Harvards lead a clear length, and pulled beautifully; while their opponents did not appear able to touch them. In this position the boats passed from view, but the Harvards had such a lead around the stake boat that their winning was a sure thing, accidents excepted, and none of those occurring, they won handsomely.

Lawrence S. S., Harvard. Chas. Dunning, stroke; Thomas Motley, Jr., E. L. Hodges, C. E. Deane, S. M. W. F. Peters, S. L. Holdredge.

Sheffield S. S., Yale. A. Palmer, stroke; T. S. Keele, J. K. Beeson, P. Grove, T. Bennett, J. Whittlesey.

Time: Harvard, 18m. 53¾s. Yale, 19m. 38s.

The above race had not been finished fifteen minutes, when the Harvard University boat shot out, the crew lustily cheering their brethren of the scientific school. Soon after the Yale boat came out, and the crew were the recipients of cheers from the wearers of the blue.

After a very short exercise the two crews came into position for the

UNIVERSITY RACE,

and in a few moments they got away, with a very even start. Both pulled for dear life, but it was evident in the first quarter of a mile that the Harvard stroke was the steadier, as they were a good half length in advance. At the stake boat, they had gained two lengths, but they made a bad turn and lost a full length.

Coming home they made a powerful spurt, and completely left the Yales, winning the race, amid the wildest enthusiasm.

Harvard. Wm. Blaikie, stroke; E. T. Wilkinson, E. W. Fenno, R. S. Peabody, A. P, Loring, C. H. McBurney.

Yale. E. B. Bennett, stroke; W. A. Cobb, W. E. Wheeler, A. D. Bissell, Edmund Coffin, C. F. Brown.

Time: Harvard, 18m. 43¼s.; Yale, 19m. 10s.

JULY 19, 1867.

HARVARD AND YALE.

As in the regatta of the previous year, the scene of this struggle was on Lake Quinsigamond. Extra efforts had been made by the Citizens' Committee of Worcester, to give eclat to the occasion, and for the University boat race they had prepared six elegant gold medals for the winners, and six handsome solid silver goblets for the winning Freshmen, while the regular flags which are held permanently, were also much coveted prizes.

Freshman Race.

With a little preliminary exercise, the boats took their positions, the Yales next the judges' boat, the Harvards outside. A good start was effected, although the Harvard crew got the water a little sooner than their antagonists. This gave them a shade of a lead, and at the grand stand, about twenty rods from the start, they were half a length ahead. In these positions the boats went for half a mile, when the Yales drew ahead, turned the stake-boat first, increased the lead on the way home, and won easily by some fifteen lengths. The stroke of the Yale crew was excellent. They took advantage of the wind and current by hugging the shore, which appeared to give them a couple of lengths. The Harvards did not come up to the expectations of their friends. A paper in its report of the race, says: "Their style of pulling was slovenly and bad, and the contrast between the two crews was so marked that the merest tyro on the water would not be wrong in his selection of the winning crew as decidedly the best."

The Harvards made a claim of "foul" on the ground that they were two or three times crowded by the Yale crew. The Yales, in return, claimed that they were "fouled" by the Harvards in turning the stake boat. The first claim being overruled, the second was not pressed.

Yale. W. McClintock, stroke; R. Terry, T. F. Hinds, C. N. Chadwick, J. E. Curran, H. A. Cleveland, bow.

Harvard. J. W. Sanger, Theo. Parsons, S. B. Thayer, S. M. Lowe, B. Adams, G. Willis, bow.

Time, Yale, 19m. 38¼s. Harvard, 20m. 6s. Robert F. Clark, referee.

University Race.

The success of their Freshman crew very naturally gave the Yale men strong hopes that even the coveted honor of their favorite exercise would come back to them, and that they would carry the champion colors to the Elm City. Those who had an eye to what is sometimes erroneously called the main chance, were in a good many cases led to offer even bets that their crew would win the University Race; although, before the Freshman race, not a word was heard about bets on this race. After a quarter of a mile had been pulled, thirty to twenty was offered on the Harvard. As they got forward in the race, 100 to 50; then 125 to 50, and from this to 100 to 20, and this when the winners were a mile from home. The race is easily described. The Harvards, who were outside, went off with a short stroke, and when they reached the grand stand, they led a length; this was increased all the way up to the stake-boat, and here they turned full four lengths ahead. Coming home, they had an easy thing, but they went for time and succeeded by the greatest triumph any college crew could desire, namely, the beating of the best three mile time on record, being 22¼s. better than the Gersh Banker crew made in their fastest race. The Yales came in leisurely, finding they had no chance of winning the honors and the prizes.

Harvard. A. P. Loring, stroke; W. H. Simmons, T. S. Edmands, R. C. Watson, W. W. Richards; G. W. Holdredge, bow.

Yale. Wm. A. Copp, stroke; S. Parry, W. H. Lee, James Coffin, W. H. Perry; Geo. A. Adee, bow.

Time: Harvard, 18m. 12¾s. Yale, 19m. 25½s.

JULY 24, 1868.

HARVARD AND YALE.

On the Wednesday preceding the Friday appointed for the University race, the Harvards entered in the Citizens' Regatta, their opponents being the famous Ward crew, the North End Boys of Boston, the Powers of Springfield, and the Harbor Boys. The Wards won the race, three miles, in 17m. 40s.; the Harvards being only 13 seconds behind. This race, as well as the University, were pulled on Lake Quinsigamond.

University Race.

At five o'clock the Yales and Harvards got into line, the Harvards next the judges' boat, the Yales outside.

On the word they got well away together, the Harvards pulling a trifle quicker stroke than their antagonists. Both did all in their power to get the lead; and at Regatta Point, the bow of the Harvard boat showed a trifle in front, and very soon got a length ahead, amid the loudest shouts of the friends of Old Harvard. This lead they kept for half a mile, then they commenced to increase their lead, and on turning the stake boat there was a difference of fully four lengths. From this point the struggle with Yale was virtually over; and it now became a matter of pride to beat their time of the Wednesday previous, and to do this they bent every nerve to the work. On coming home they increased their lead to more than a dozen lengths, and succeeded in crossing the line in *seventeen minutes and forty-eight and a half seconds;* beating

Wednesday's time by four and a half seconds, and beating the Yales by fifty seconds. We quote from a newspaper its report of the enthusiasm manifested by the wearers of the Magenta:

"Of course there was tremendous excitement on the result being known, and many performances not provided for in well regulated gymnasiums were gone through with by Harvard students in front of the grand stand, which gave immense amusement to the ladies. The winning crew pulled around in front of the stand at the close of the race, and were the recipients of the most fulsome compliments."

"We regret to say that the scenes which were enacted reflecting on the University students some years since, were repeated last night, but it is to the credit of the police of the city that they very promptly quelled what threatened to be a season of mob rule, and accommodated some twenty-five roisterers with quarters at the station house for the night. On Saturday morning they were brought up before Judge Williams, who fined some fifteen of them $20 and costs for noisy and disorderly conduct, and one in $500 for his appearance before the Superior Court for larceny of certain fixtures from the Bay State House, and discharged four or five against whom no overt act was proved."

Soon after the race closed, the judges presented the prizes to the winning crew, Mr. Wm. Blaikie being the spokesman. The prizes consisted of the customary colors, and a gold medal for each of the crew.

The following are the names of the crews.

Harvard. Geo. W. Holdredge, bow; W. W. Richards, John W. McBurney, W. H. Simmons, H. C. Watson; A. P. Loring, stroke.

Yale. R. Terry, bow; S. F. Bucklin, G. W. Drew, W. H. Lee, N. A. Copp; Samuel Parry, stroke.

Time: Harvard, 17m. 48½s.; Yale, 18m. 38½s.

Judges: Harvard, E. M. Fenno and W. Blaikie of Boston; Chas. Dunning of Lenox, at the upper stake. Yale, Frank Brown of Newburg, N. Y., and Geo. Adee of New York city; H. A. Cleveland of New Haven, at the upper stake.

JULY 23, 1869.

HARVARD AND YALE.

While the fast 1868 crew from Harvard was practising on English water for the tussle with the Oxfords, the regular crew of '69 had the annual pull with the Yales. The race took place at Lake Quinsigamond, Friday, July 23d.

Freshman Race.

A fine contest was promised in this race, and representatives of the Freshmen classes of both Yale and Harvard were confident of success. The toss for positions resulted in the Harvards securing the inside. The prizes were a set of champion class flags, and six silver medals offered by the Citizens' Committee of Worcester. At the start the Harvards shot forward with great rapidity, and at once took the lead. They worked with a will as far as the eye could follow them, dipping their oars at the rate of forty-seven strokes a minute; the Yale men at the rate of forty. The Harvards turned

the stake-boat three lengths ahead, and came down the course with a vigorous, though not so rapid a stroke. The Yale crew, while approaching the goal, saw that it was useless to contend further, and they pulled over the line leisurely. The following are the crews:

Harvard. R. S. Russell, stroke; Alanson Tucker, Wm. C. Loring, Eugene Treadwell, Geo. H. Gould; H. St. John Smith, bow.

Yale. J. P. Studley, stroke; Wm. L. Cushing, F. G. B. Swayne, E. H. Hubbard, Frank L. Hall; L. S. Boomer, bow.

Time: Harvard, 19m. 30s.; Yale, 19m. 58½s.

University Race.

The Harvards did not consider themselves represented as a college, because of the absence of their crack oarsmen. Besides the honors of the championship, an inducement to success were six gold medals offered by the Citizens' Committee of Worcester. The Yales were the favorites, odds two to one. The general appearance of the Yale men excited remarks from all quarters, when they first appeared. But when the sunburned backs of the Harvards became visible, knowing heads were shaken, and many persons "didn't know about the thing being all one way."

Without delay the boats were pulled into line, and upon getting the word the Harvard crew dipped rapidly and shot forward at a rapid stroke. They secured a half length's advantage directly upon getting away. Upon settling to work the Yale crew pulled splendidly, and the boats were soon nearly even. Excitement was intense as the boats passed Regatta Point. The Har-

vards soon gained upon their competitors and continued to lead by about a length. They rounded finely, and came down the course still in an advance position. The race home proved one of the liveliest and most exciting for a long period. And it was difficult to tell which of the boats was leading after they became clearly discernable. The Magentas were still pioneering the Blues at Regatta Point, and the Harvard "fellows" were wild with excitement as their representative boat was pulled down towards the judges' boat. Their rapid stroke made their success a certainty. A lively spurt by the Yales was unavailing, and they were beaten by between two and three lengths.

Harvard. F. O. Lyman, stroke; Theophilus Parsons, Jos. S. Fay, Jr., Grinnell Willis, Geo. I. Jones, Nathaniel X. Reed, bow.

Yale. George W. Drew, stroke; Wm. A. Copp Edgar D. Coonly, Wm. H. Lee, D. McCoy Bone; Roderick Terry, bow.

Time: Harvard, 18m. 2s.; Yale, 18m. 11s.

The Yales and their fellow students were chagrined at their defeat; the crew were trained by Josh Ward So disappointed did the crew feel, that directly after reaching the boat-house, a member of the crew drove his oar through the bottom of the defeated boat.

AUGUST 27, 1869.

HARVARD AND OXFORD.

In '68 Harvard had her then fastest team, and a correspondence was opened for a direct match with Oxford on English waters, and after a proposition to meet them on the Ouse, at King's Lynn, was made and declined, (because Oxford would not row without a cockswain, nor permit Harvard to,) a challenge was sent to row a race with cockswains—to occur a year later — in the summer of '69. This too was declined, because the crew of '68 could not vouch for what that of '69 might do. In 1869, however, Captain Simmons, of the Harvards, forwarded a letter to the Oxfords, challenging them to row a race in outrigger boats from Putney to Mortlake, each boat to carry four oars and a cockswain. A like invitation was sent to the Cambridge University Crew. Prompt was Oxford's acceptance, and Cambridge, besides being tardy, was conditional. Directly following Oxford's quick response, came the challenge of the champion amateurs of all England, the London Rowing Club. No Harvard crew ever yet rowed a match race with any crew except one composed of students, and therefore declined. But though declining the generous challenge of the Londoners, they accepted their liberal proffers of hospitality — that of the use of their boat houses, and the honorary membership of their club.

The race was assigned for the latter part of August. The Oxfords went into training as a crew on the 19th of May, and seldom allowed a day to pass without their regular pulls. Early in May the Harvards—Lo-

ring, Simmons, Rice and Bass, with Arthur Burnham for cockswain—commenced practice on the Charles River. At the annual City Regatta in July, an unprecedently large prize was offered by the City of Boston for four-oared boats, the effect of which brought out the Hamills of Pittsburg, the Biglins of New York, the Piscataquas of Maine, the Unions of Worcester, the George Roahr of Boston, and others less famous. The Harvards won the race easily.

The Harvards sailed from New York, in the City of Paris, July 10th, and reached Liverpool on the 20th, and at once proceeded to Putney, ~~afterwards to Mortlake,~~ where they settled down to work at an eligible place with the high-sounding American title of the "White House," the river being within twenty feet of the garden gate, and the boat house a trifle farther off. This was their head-quarters until the day of the memorable struggle, August 27th.

Eight hundred policemen were detailed to guard the river bank alone, while a proportionately large force watched the river boats. A larger crowd of all classes of people (estimated at 750,000), never witnessed a boat race. Never but once had such a crowd been seen in England, and that was when the Prince of Wales first brought his wife home.

The crews consisted of:—

HARVARD.

J. S. Fay, bow,	Weight,	155.
F. O. Lyman, 2,	"	154.
Wm. H. Simmons, 3,	"	171.
A. P. Loring, stroke,	"	146.
Arthur Burnham, cockswain,	"	105.
		731.

OXFORD.

F. Willan, bow,	Weight,	168.
A. C. Yarborough, 2,	"	171.
J. C. Tinne, 3,	"	189.
S. Darbishire, stroke,	"	160.
J. H. Hall, cockswain,	"	102.
		790.

At quarter past 5, after some little delay, the word "go" was pronounced, and both boats started fairly together, Oxford rowing one stroke more per minute than Harvard (Oxford 47, Harvard 46). Harvard gained half a length in the first mile. On the third minute the strokes altered to Oxford 39, Harvard 40, and at the end of that minute the Americans were a full length ahead. An eddy off Chiswick Ait, into which Burnham steered the Harvards, brings both boats even. After this to the finish Oxford pulls 40 to Harvard's 39 strokes; at Barnes Bridge, five furlongs from the finish, two lengths separated them. Spurt after spurt do the losing men give their craft, and the Oxfords cross the line half to three-quarters of a length ahead.

Distance, 4¼ miles.

Time: Oxfords, 22m. 20s.; Harvards, 22m. 23s.

JULY 22, 1870.

HARVARD, YALE, BROWN AND AMHERST.

The following races were rowed on Lake Quinsigamond. The Freshman race, in which Yale, Harvard,

Brown and Amherst entered, and the University race between the old time antagonists, Yale and Harvard.

The Freshman Race

was looked forward to as the most interesting contest of the day. Four colleges sent its representative Freshmen, and noble types of muscular manhood they were.

Harvard. J. Bryant, Boston, stroke; H. M. Johnson, Bradford; W. J. Lloyd, Pottsville, Pa.; C. T. Johnson, New York; G. H. Lyman, Boston; J. O. Shaw, Milton, bow.

Yale. F. W. Adee, Westchester, N. Y., stroke; C. S. Hemingway, Fairhaven; D. Davenport, Wilton, Conn.; J. Day, Catskill, N. Y.; G. M. Browne, Carey, N. Y.; S. L. Boyce, Chicago, Ill., bow.

Brown. A. Gower, Sedgwick, Me., stroke; G. F. Browne, Newport; A. M. Smith, Grafton, Mass.; W. C. Caldwell, Providence; A. D. McClellan, Grafton, Mass.; E. H. Luther, Worcester, bow.

Amherst. L. J. Warner, Northampton, stroke; L. Bradley, Methuen; G. W. Hale, Montague; R. F. Norris, Sodus, N. Y.; E. P. Bliss, Cambridge; T. J. Gray, Boston, bow.

In drawing for positions, Amherst secured the inside, Brown was second, Yale third and Harvard outside. At the start, Amherst and Brown dipped almost simultaneously, but the former crew was first to take firm hold of the water, and they placed their bow in advance almost immediately. Harvard and Yale went off together, and soon after the start an oblique line was

made for the right shore, so that Brown and Amherst on the left side of the lake, and Harvard and Yale on the right side, were making two separate races. Amherst pulled a splendid stroke, making about forty per minute, and they excited general admiration as they led past Regatta Point. As they went up the course they were gradually drawing away from the Browns. By some combination of circumstances, Brown removed the steering apparatus of Amherst, and the crew of the latter college were virtually out of the contest, and stopped half way up. Brown continued a handsome stroke up the lake, taking a straight line for the upper stake. The judgment in steering was excellent. The Yales and Harvards were having a most exciting struggle on the opposite side of the lake, and the Magentas were compelled to pull in quite close to the shore. Yale slowly drew away from Harvard, and at the upper point on the right bank of the lake, the Blues swung out in full view two open lengths ahead of Harvard, and one length ahead of Brown. The Yale crew took an oblique line across the bow of the Browns, and afterwards swung back again, giving them another dose. A collision appeared imminent until the Browns ceased pulling altogether and came to a stand-still. Yale then pulled out so far that a very few judicious strokes brought the Browns around all right, and they dipped once, twice and three times before Yale finished their turn, and then swept forward like a rocket, with chances of success favorable. The Browns bent to their work with renewed vigor, and continued to lead after straitening out. Harvard made a poor turn, and the young fellows looked discouraged as they took the back water of the other crews. They worked finely to make up the gap on the home course; but although they les-

sened Yale's advantage, there was too long a gap to close, and Brown was too determined to lose an inch of its vantage ground, and positions were not again changed.

Time: Brown, 19m. 21s. Yale, 19m. 45s. Harvard 20m. Amherst not taken.

University Race.

For the University honors, only Harvard and Yale contested. Beside the usual college colors, six medals for the winning crew were provided. Yale had secured the services of the late Walter Brown as trainer, and under his instruction the crew had practiced on the lake for several weeks. Harvard "coached" itself. The following are the crews:

Harvard. F. O. Lyman, Sandwich Islands, stroke; F. J. Jones, Templeton; G. Wallis, Cornwall; J. S. McCobb, Portland; R. S. Russell, Boston; N. G. Read, Cambridge, bow.

Yale. D. McC. Bone, Petersburg, Ill., stroke; W. F. McCook, Pittsburg, Pa.; E. D. Coonley, Greenville, N. Y.; W. W. Flagg, Yonkers; C. Phelps, Colebrook, Conn., bow.

In drawing for positions, Harvard secured the inside. At the start the oars dipped simultaneously and the Yales took the lead. The two boats made for Regatta Point, and as the Harvards approached it they made a spurt, and a few strokes placed the bows of the boats even. A few more and Harvard was ahead. Either crew was liable to take the lead at any moment by the slightest error in steering. Both crews headed well up the lake, and slowly, but surely, the Harvards crawled

away from the Yales until they reached the upper stake, when they swung out into clear view, three quarters of a length ahead. They were making the turn finely, without an inch of room to spare inside, when Yale also tried to make a turn on the inside, and accomplish the feat in which the Brown Freshmen were so successful; this was ill-timed, however, and the bow of Yale struck Harvard's rudder and damaged it so badly as to make it unfit for service. The result was that the boat could not be controlled on the downward course, and the Harvards swung in towards the left bank and were compelled to shorten stroke in order to get steadied. The damage to the rudder proved disastrous to their prospects, and Yale succeeded in closing with, and afterwards passing the Magentas, who rowed leisurely across the line. A claim of foul was entered, and the referee, Mr. Edw. Brown, of Worcester, awarded the race to Harvard. Just as the referee was about to announce his decision, the Yale party attempted to raise a new charge, "crowding," against Harvard, but it was too feeble to demand interest. The Yales immediately challenged Harvard to row the following day, but owing to imperative engagements of one of the Harvard crew, they were obliged to decline.

Time: Yale, 18m. 45s. Harvard not taken. Judges: for Harvard, Wm. Blaikie; for Yale, A. L. Clark. Edw. Brown, referee.

JULY 21, 1871.

HARVARD, BROWN AND AMHERST.

At this annual regatta, pulled at Springfield, Yale did not put in an appearance. To make up the deficiency Brown and Amherst entered. The absence of the Yales was regretted by everybody, as their presence would have made the contest more interesting.

Freshman Race.

Harvard and Brown were the only entries. The crews were muscular and finely developed, and were considered quite an equal match. This race was a straight away spin of three miles from the boat house to a point two hundred feet north of Chicopee Bridge. At the word "go" the Harvards took the water and immediately shot to the front with an advantage of half a length. Not a perceptible inch was gained by either boat during the first half-mile, and, as they breasted Ingleside, Harvard was still a half length in advance. At this point the Harvard boat was steered badly. Brown's course was perfectly straight. After turning the point below Ingleside, Harvard had slightly increased her lead. Brown thereupon began a spurt at forty-four strokes a minute, and gained slightly. Harvard followed the example and was last to ease up, thereby increasing her advantage. Off the old Chicopee church, Harvard appeared to be full two lengths ahead, and they commenced a final spurt as they approached the finish. "Go it, Harvards," "Hit her up, Devens," were among the exclamations of the Magenta-decorated

spectators on the river bank, and "Lay to it, Brown," and similar exclamations, were used by the Brown adherents. Harvard continued the vigorous strokes, and pulled gallantly past the stake, the victors by six or seven lengths.

Harvard. R. H. Dana, 3d, of Boston, stroke; Wendell Goodwin, Jamaica Plain; H. L. Morse, Boston; W. C. Sanger, New York; G. W. White, Charlestown; A. L. Devens, Cambridge, bow.

Brown. H. Cornet, stroke; Albert Gallup, W. Heard, P. H. Case, John L. Lincoln, Jr.; P. A. Sayle, bow.

Time: Harvard, 20m. 18s.; Brown, 20m. 45s.

University Race.

Notwithstanding the absence of Yale this year, the contest between the crews of Harvard and Brown Universities, and Amherst Agricultural College, was a splendid struggle. The Harvard College boys had confidence in their crew, and honestly believed that they were sure to win, but they were defeated, and the crew that least expected to carry off the honors, took them with comparative ease.

The Harvards were nude to the waist, and wore Magenta kerchiefs round their heads, and white trowsers. Brown was also nude to the waist, wearing brown kerchiefs and blue trowsers; while the "Aggies" were uniformed in white shirts and pantaloons, and white kerchiefs, and the arms were laid bare so as not to interfere with easy action.

In drawing for positions, Brown secured the inside, and the Harvards the centre.

The start was one of the finest ever witnessed, the

crews taking the water together and beginning the work without delay; a quarter of a mile had been rowed ere an advantage was gained by either crew, and Amherst then succeeded in drawing away and taking a lead of a third of a length. They perceived their advantage, and nerved by their success, put on a spurt of forty-four to the minute, and gradually crept away clear from Harvard and Brown, who were indulging in a very exciting struggle. Brown was pulling a stroke of forty-five a minute as they passed Ingleside, and Harvard hitting her up at a forty-three stroke. A mile down the river, Amherst was pulling two open lengths ahead of Brown, who appeared to be slightly in advance of Harvard. Amherst and Harvard were pulling forty-three strokes, Brown, thirty-eight. Off Chicopee Church, Amherst was still gaining, and as they appeared around the bend the spectators could hardly account for their presence so far in the lead. At first they were taken to be a crew not engaged in the race, but soon the white shirts and maroon bands around the heads became visible, and cheer after cheer rent the air, as the Agriculturists distinguished their gallant crew. They pulled along magnificently, and encouraged by the cheers of their friends, they laid down to another spurt, and at every stroke widened the gap. They did not cease pulling until their boat had passed under Chicopee Bridge. Harvard came in second; Brown last.

Six very elaborate cups were presented to the winning crew; they represented a Roman boat, with a figure aft pulling a pair of paddles; they also received a set of colors, both National and College. Below are the crews:

Amherst. F. C. Eldred, stroke; F. M. Somers,

G. H. Allen, H. B. Simpson, A. D. Norcross; George Leonard, bow.

Harvard. N.G. Reed, bow; George Bass, stroke; G. J. Jones, Alanson Tucker, William Loring, W. F. Sanger.

Brown. C. C. Luther, stroke; W. E. Caldwell, A. M. Smith, W. H. Reeby, A. D. McClellan, E. H. Luther, bow.

Time: Amherst, 17m. 47s.; Harvard, 18m. 29s.; Brown, 18m. 48s.

JULY 24, 1872.

AMHERST, HARVARD, AGRICULTURAL, BOWDOIN, WILLIAMS AND YALE.

At least twenty thousand persons gathered along the banks of the Connecticut river, at Agawam and Long Meadow to witness the Freshman and University Races, both of which were set for the day before (Tuesday), but on account of the lumpy condition of the water were postponed till Wednesday. As early as seven o'clock on the day of the race, a continuous stream of carriages and other vehicles rattled along toward the Agawam ferry crossing, on the Connecticut river. The occupants were chiefly young men whose hats, button holes, watch chains and coat lapels were decorated with ribbons of various hues. The day was most delightful, the extreme heat of the sun being allayed by heavy banks of clouds, and, in fact, everything was favorable to a good day's sport.

Freshman Race.

In this race, Wesleyan, Amherst, Brown and the Sheffield Scientifics entered crews. Distance three miles straight away. At the start, which occurred at ten o'clock, Wesleyan led off with a stroke of forty-four. Brown was behind all the others, pulling forty-two strokes; but about a mile down the course they spurted to forty-seven, and seemed to overhaul Yale and Amherst. The latter two got together about half a mile from the starting point, the fault apparently of Amherst. The Browns pulled in the best form, and their steering was also the best. The Wesleyans led all the way, greatly to the surprise of all who considered the race a sure thing for the "Scientifics."

Amherst came in second, Brown third and Yale fourth. Below are the crews:

Wesleyan. W. F. Borgett, stroke; A. F. Gamman, A. H. Nash, M. F. Brown, E. A. Markham; J. M. Stowe, bow. Colors, lavender.

Amherst. Otis Benton, stroke; M. F. Logan, C. P. Littlefield, F. C. Scoville, Daniel Kent; Chas. Arnd, bow. Colors, purple and white.

Brown. F. H. Brown, stroke; G. I. Hopkins, C. E. Field, F. S. Ashmore; E. L. Bogert, bow. Color, brown.

Sheffield S. S. W. R. Upham, stroke; E. M. Child, W. S. Pratt, R. D. A. Parrott, A. S. Hall; C. D. Hill, bow. Color, orange.

Time: Wesleyan, 17m. 7s. Amherst, 17m. 29s. Brown, 18m. 30s. Sheffield, 18m. 58s.

University Race.

This was, of course, the grand event that attracted the multitude, and the contest proved fully as exciting as any preceding. The result surprised a great many people, although there were a few that expected that the winning crew was not either of those spoken of in connection with success. The Bowdoin crew did not realize the expectations of their trainer (Geo. Price, of the Paris crew), and Harvard was not surprised at the result, as one of their crew was on the "indisposed" list for some time previous. The Amhersts acknowledged feeling dubious about the result until they reached a point opposite the village of Long Meadow, when Capt. Bradley rallied the crew and gave them a spurt home. They had pulled well up to this point and the fair prospect of success before them nerved them on to a last effort. The Yales came in last.

At twenty minutes past eleven, six University crews took their positions. After long and tedious attempts the boats were started. The start was a beautiful one, and as fair as could possibly be obtained from the method employed. The plan of holding the boats to the line and letting them go at the word, the old fashioned style of laying on the oars and starting at the word, and the plan of firing a gun simultaneously with the word "go," were all abandoned, and the mere dropping of the referees' extended hand was substituted.

The boats kept well together for some distance. Bowdoin pulled gradually ahead with Harvard second, Amherst third, Yale fourth, "Aggies" fifth and Williams last. All but the latter kept well into the right shore. Harvard and the "Aggies" soon took the lead,

the bow of the Harvards slightly in advance. Next Bowdoin spurted and headed Harvard, pulling forty-six strokes to the minute. Amherst now began to push Bowdoin hard, and the two were nearly abreast at the end of the second mile. The struggle for the lead between Harvard, Bowdoin and Amherst, was very close and intense. The "Aggies" seemed to be holding themselves in reserve. The Harvards were pulling at the rate of forty-five a minute, and struggled hard to gain on the two leading boats. The "Aggies" pulled a steady oar at the rate of forty a minute, and Amherst pulled thirty-six per minute. Away down the course the crews kept on, and when within a half-mile of the finish, Amherst made a sudden and powerful pull ahead, crossing the line in 16m. 32 1-5s. Harvard second, Aggies third, Bowdoins fourth, Williams fifth, and Yale last. The following are the crews:

Amherst. Walter Negley, stroke; Arthur J Benedict, Frank M. Williams, Leverett Bradley, Jr., Benj. F. Brown; Geo. E. Brewer, bow. Color, purple.

Harvard. R. H. Dana, stroke; Wendell Goodwin, Henry L. Morse, John Bryant, W. J. Lloyd; W. Bell, bow. Color, magenta.

Aggies. F. C. Eldred, stroke; D. P. Bardwell, John M. Benedict, H. B. Simpson, S. M. Carter; H. H. Player, bow. Color, maroon and white.

Bowdoin. D. A. Robinson, stroke; D. A. Sargent, C. H. Hunter, A. L. Crocker, A. G. Ladd; W. O. Hooper, bow. Color, white.

Williams. John Gunster, stroke; Fred Johnson, D. S. Williams, Jesse P. Worden, T. W. Saunders; H. T. Scholl, bow. Color, royal purple.

Yale. J. Day, stroke; W. F. McCook, H. A. Oaks, R. J. Cook, G. M. Gunn; F. W. Adee, bow. Color, blue.

Time: Amherst, 16m. 32 1-5s.; Harvards, 16m. 57s.; Aggies, 17m. 10s.; Bowdoin, 17m. 31s.; Williams, 17m. 50s.; Yale, 18m. 13s.

JULY 16 AND 17, 1873.

YALE, WESLEYAN, HARVARD, DARTMOUTH, COLUMBIA, AMHERST, BOWDOIN, AGRICULTURAL, CORNELL, TRINITY, WILLIAMS.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1873, a single scull race of two miles was rowed over the Springfield Course, between E. S. Swift of Yale, and C. S. Dutton of Cornell, and attracted a crowd of not more than three thousand spectators. When within half a mile of the finish, Dutton lost his bearings and steered wildly, and consequently lost the race. Swift won easily in 14m. 40s. Dutton's time, 15m. 38s.

The fact that eleven colleges were to contend in the University race drew together an immense throng of people. Springfield wore a gala-day appearance on Thursday, the day of the Freshman and University races. As early as one o'clock both shores of the river were lined with anxious spectators. At the starting point fully five thousand people were assembled; and it is estimated that at least thirty thousand people viewed the struggles. So dense was the crowd of teams that the roads were almost impassable.

The Freshman Race

was announced for three o'clock, but the crews did not appear till four, and a little later they got a start. The entries were Yale, Harvard and Amherst.

The Harvards started quickly ahead, with a forty-two stroke, Yale coming up with thirty-six, and the Amhersts pulling along at the rate of thirty-eight to the minute. The position of the boats remained unchanged till the end of the first quarter of a mile, when the Yales, by spurting, took the lead, and kept it till the end of the race, Amherst second, Harvard last.

Yale. W. C. Hall, stroke; G. L. Brownell, F. Wood, D. H. Wood, F. W. Noyes; H. W. DeForrest, bow. Color, blue.

Amherst. S. R. Johnston, stroke; A. J. George, K. Johnston, M. A. Goodnow, E. A. Baldwin; F. L. Green, bow. Color, purple and white.

Harvard. C. F. Hodges, stroke; W. J. Otis, E. C. Hall, G. A. Nickerson, G. W. Green; W. F. Weld, Jr., bow. Color, magenta.

Time: Yale, 17m. 53s. Amherst, 18m. 43½s.; Harvard, 19m. 3¾s.

An inexcusable delay of two hours kept the impatient multitude waiting for the

University Race.

At ten minutes past six the word "go" was given. Then was clearly apparent even to the most inexperienced eye, that the great deficiency of the Springfield course was narrowness and crookedness when more than four boats were started at once. Harvard, with

her characteristic style shot ahead; Yale, with her slow but determined stroke, pressing her closely. Indeed, there seemed imminent danger of a "foul," for before thirty strokes had been taken the bow of the Yale boat was pressing on Harvard's stern. The distance between being only two or three feet, Yale held back, and after taking Harvard's wash a short distance, swerved to one side and then gallantly struggled for the lead again. The Amherst and "Aggies," pulled strongly, while Columbia fell behind, and the remaining six still dragged heavily in the rear. At the end of the first mile, Harvard, Yale and Wesleyan had separated themselves from the rest of the crowd, leaving two boat lengths of clear water behind them. Finally, the Amherst boys got themselves out of the lump and went for the crew who preceded them. And Williams tired and used up, dropped far behind. The race progressed this way until near the finish. The Harvards were hugging the eastern shore, while Yale pressed heavily on the western. The flag on the east side having been moved farther down the river, the course on that side was longer than on the west side (Yale's). The Harvards claimed that this change from a straight line to a diagonal one had been made without their knowledge. When they had crossed the straight finishing line, they ceased rowing, and did not pull as far as the diagonal line. The Yales crossed the line, as fixed by the managers of the regatta ahead of all others. Everybody, even to the judges, thought that Harvard had won the race, and the colors were immediately handed to Capt. Dana, who surrendered them to Yale, after the referee decided Yale to be the winner. This proved the most unsatisfactory race ever pulled by the principal competitors, and was alike

unsatisfactory to the spectators. The following are the crews:

Yale. Robt. J. Cook, stroke; Julian Kennedy, Willis P. McCook, Henry Meyer, Jeremiah Day; Herbert G. Fowler, bow. Color, blue.

Time: 16m. 59s.

Wesleyan. J. E. Eustis, stroke; A. H. Nash, D. Dorchester, C. A. Lyon, A. T. Neale; J. P. Stowe, bow. Color, lavender.

Time: (not official), 17m. 9s.

Harvard. R. H. Dana, 3d., stroke; D. C. Bacon, Wendell Goodwin, H. L. Morse, T. Daland; A. L. Devens, bow. Color, magenta.

Time (not official), 17m. 46½s.

Dartmouth. H. M. Paul, stroke; A. R. Archibald, C. O. Gates, R. J. Underhill, M. Ward; A. Eaton, bow. Color green.

Time: (not official), 17m. 50s.

Columbia. F. B. Rees, stroke; R. C. Cornell, E. S. Rapallo, A. B. Simonds, O. D. Smith; C. De R. Moore, bow. Color, blue and white.

Time: (not official), 18m. 6¾s.

Amherst. F. Ward, stroke; M. F. Logan, B. F. Brown, H. J. Booth, F. J. Scoville; G. E. Brewer, bow. Color, purple and white.

Time: (not official), 18m. 15¾s.

Bowdoin. C. H. Hunter, stroke; A. L. Crocker, W. Souther, J. A. Cram, A. G. Ladd; D. A. Robinson, bow. Color white.

Time: (not official) 18m. 26½s.

Agricultural. F. C. Eldred, stroke; A. H.

Montague, J. M. Benedict, F. H. Rice, J. W. Clay; H. P. Simpson, bow. Color, maroon.

Time: (not official) 18m. 34¾s.

Cornell. C. C. Kean, stroke; F. B. Ferris, C. S. Dutton, J. S. Southard, J. N. Ostram; R. Anderson, bow. Color, cornelian and white.

Time: (not official) 18m. 49½s.

Trinity. H. J. Chase, stroke; C. Pratt, T. McLean, J. D. F. McKinnan, G. Kane; W. H. Bulkley, bow. Color, green and white.

Time: (not official) 19m. 33s.

Williams. J. Gunster, stroke; F. Johnson, J. P. Worden, J. F. Eaton, J. H. Barnhart; F. W. Saunders, bow. Color, purple.

Time: not taken.

JULY 15 AND 18, 1874.

COLUMBIA, CORNELL, DARTMOUTH, HARVARD, PRINCETON, TRINITY, WESLEYAN, WILLIAMS, YALE AND BROWN.

When it was first proposed to hold the annual college regatta at Saratoga, frivolous objections were freely offered from various quarters; especially in the cities where the regatta had been heretofore held, there was heard much earnest talk about the risks which the collegians and their sport incurred in going to Saratoga—such as its bad moral influence and its extravagant gaiety. But to the credit of Saratoga it may be said, that there were not visible any of the gambling contri-

vances and loose morality predicted by the adherents of Worcester and Springfield. The attractiveness of Saratoga Lake is unequalled by that of any other racing water. For once the regatta was rowed on a course the whole of which lies fully in view of the shores where the spectators mostly congregate. All oarsmen are enthusiastic in their praises of it.

The aquatic sports opened on Wednesday, at four o'clock, with the

Freshman Race,

in which Yale, Brown and Princeton entered. The positions of the crews were, Yale to the eastward, Brown in the middle and Princeton on the left. The Browns got the best start, taking the water quickly and dashing off ahead. The Yale men settled down at once to a regular pull. The Princetons also started out well and displayed a vigor which had not been expected by their antagonists. They steered badly, however, and went far out of the course towards the westerly side of the lake. This was true of the other crews also, for midway during the race all the boats were at least half a mile out of the way. Brown steered the worst of all, getting back towards the easterly side of the lake on the last mile, rowing thirty-six strokes to the minute. It is very probable that but for the bad steering this crew would have won the race. When the crews came fairly into view so as to be distinguished easily with a field-glass, the Browns appeared to be widely separated from the other crews, and near the easterly side. The Princetons were at least a fifth of a mile to the west, Yales midway between. The Princetons were ahead. Unfortunately for them the Yales crowded them outside the flag-boat which marks

the end of the course, and this left a knotty point, which was settled by awarding the honors to Princeton. Yales were given second and Brown third positions. Princeton's time, 18m. 12¾s.

Princeton. Benj. Nicol, stroke; J. S. Ely, J. Williamson, J. A. Campbell, C. Halstead, C. G. Green, bow.

Yale. E. C. Cook, stroke; W. W. Collin, L. H. Bradley, M. G. Nixon, F. W. Wheaton, bow.

Brown. W. A. Peck, stroke; C. M. Lee, W. R. Stiners, G. W. Dow, S. J. Bradbury, A. G. Griffin, bow.

Single Scull Race.

Representatives of Cornell, Yale and Harvard then drew into position and prepared for the contest for individual honors and college glory. Cornell was represented by Edward L. Phillips, Yale, by Ainsley Wilcox, and Harvard by A. Lithgow Devens. The men looked the picture of health. Devens pulled into line with a look of quiet confidence that seemed to indicate that Harvard would at least be credited with one triumph at Saratoga. Phillips had a position near the west shore, Wilcox was second and Devens just off Snake Hill. A pistol shot sent the boats away, and Devens was the first to take the water. He shot ahead slightly, and Wilcox bent to his work with a will, and strained every nerve to get away from Devens. The race was prettily contested; and the Blue and Magenta went down the lake on the first half mile together, the former slightly in advance, while Cornell's representative was having a race all by himself on the eastern shore. All the way down the course, Wilcox

pulled handsomely. Devens brought all his reserve muscle into play, but he could see the stern of the Yale boat slowly leaving him. Wilcox did not yield his advantage, and on the last half mile he steadily widened the gap. Phillips in the meantime, had been pulling a strong and steady stroke, and came in close behind Devens.

Distance: two miles; Wilcox's time, 14m. 12¾s.

University Race.

After two postponements from Thursday to Friday, and Friday to Saturday (on account of the roughness of the lake), and the disappointment of the largest crowd of spectators that ever assembled to witness an American college regatta—representative boats from nine American colleges appeared in line, at ten o'clock on Saturday morning. At that hour the water was perfectly calm. After the customary delay consequent on drawing squarely into line the prows of the college shells, and after the pistol shot, fifty-four blades took the water as rapidly as possible. The Dartmouth crew laid down to work with a stroke of forty-six to the minute, and made a grand spurt for the lead, with Harvard and Yale side by side. These two crews were in the centre, and took water almost simultaneously, and strained every muscle to get the advantage. Soon Columbia took the lead and followed closely in the second place during the first half mile. Yale spurted handsomely after the first half mile, and passed both Columbia and Harvard. The struggle between Yale, Columbia and Harvard was sharp and exciting. At the end of the first mile Harvard and Yale spurted desperately; Harvard forty-one to the minute and Yale

thirty-eight. Suddenly, Yale dropped out, having stopped rowing. A "foul" had occurred between the Yales and Harvards. These crews had been watching each other closely, and just before the unfortunate circumstance, Yale dropped its English stroke and put on a spurt which sent them ahead, and when the Yale bow saw Harvard coming up he steered across and the "foul" then happened. Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Wesleyan, were nearly all even, Yale ahead of Harvard. A prominent boatman who witnessed the entire race, said, "The Yales were steered viciously." At the end of the second mile, Wesleyan was ahead, Columbia second, Harvard third and Trinity fourth. Soon Columbia shot ahead, when their friends displayed the highest enthusiasm. When within half a mile of the finish Columbia was leading Harvard and Wesleyan by about two lengths. As they swept down the line, the Wesleyans made a terrible effort and fairly lifted themselves ahead of the Harvards. The Columbia came in first, Wesleyan second, Harvard third, Dartmouth fourth, Williams fifth, Cornell sixth, Trinity seventh, Princeton eighth, Yale last.

After the race, Rees, the captain of the Columbias, fainted and was removed from the boat, and was immediately taken upon the shoulders of the stalwart wearers of the blue and white, and was carried up to Moon's, the boys meanwhile cheering him up and waving a Columbia flag above his head; the rest of the crew followed, and they were in turn shouldered and carried over the grounds by their friends. Next to Columbia, Harvard was most happy, and the "rah! rah! rah!" of the Magentas, were heard from all points along the shore. Before the participants and spectators had left the lake, and while the excitement was at

its height, the Yale crew pulled slowly down to the line, exhibiting a broken oar and a fractured rudder. Complaints from all sides were then heard, and scarcely a crew was exempted from a claim or a charge of a "foul." Between the adherents of Yale and Harvard, hot words were freely passed. The Yales claimed that they steered out of their course to avoid a foul, that they were unable to prevent it, Harvard steering right into them; that one of the starboard oars of Harvard struck their rudder and lifted up the end of their shell, and threw their bow oar over so far in the water that it was snapped of at the rowlock. They even claimed that Bacon tried to strike their shell with his oar.

Below are the crews:

Columbia. P. T. Timpson, bow; J. T. Goodwin, G. Griswold, Ed. S. Rapallo, R. C. Cornell; B. F. Rees, stroke.

Time: 16m. 42½s.

Cornell. J. N. Ostrom, bow; L. A. Henderson, P. D. Clark, W. M. Garver, R. W. Corwin; C. C. King, stroke.

Time: 18m.

Dartmouth. W. G. Eaton, Jr., bow; W. F. Westgate, B. F. Robinson, C. W. Eager, F. W. Mitchell; C. O. Gates, stroke.

Time: 17m. 8¼s.

Harvard. W. J. Otis, bow; W. R. Taylor, H. L. Morse, Wendell Goodwin, D. C. Bacon; R. H. Dana, 3d stroke.

Time: 16m. 54s.

Princeton. W. M. Smith, bow; C. B. Cross,

R. J. Hall, W. M. Taylor, W. H. Addicks; F. A. Marquand, stroke.

Time: 18m. 38s.

Trinity. G. H. Dubois, bow; S. D. Hooker, H. M. Hooper, W. J. Roberts, J. De F. McKennan; H. O. Dubois, stroke.

Time: 18m. 23s.

Wesleyan. W. H. Downes, bow; Wm. Whitney, G. M. Warren, H. C. Hermans, C. P. Marsh; J. E. Eustis, stroke.

Time: 16m. 50s.

Williams. Benj. Norton, bow; H. A. Barker, C. Gilbert, J. H. Haynes, M. P. Washburn; John Gunster, stroke.

Time: 17m. 31s.

Yale. G. L. Brownell, bow; Fred. Wood, D. H. Kellogg, W. C. Hall, J. Kennedy; Robert J. Cook, stroke.

Time not taken.

UNIVERSITY REGATTAS FROM 1859 TO 1874.

Year.	Date.	Winner.	Course.	Time.	No. of Crews.
1859.	July 26.	Harvard.	Worcester.	19m. 18s.	Three.
1860.	July 24.	Harvard.	Worcester.	18m. 53s.	Three.
1864.	July 29.	Yale.	Worcester.	19m. 1s.	Two.
1865.	July 28.	Yale.	Worcester.	18m. 42½s.	Two.
1866.	July 27.	Harvard.	Worcester.	18m. 43½s.	Two.
1867.	July 19.	Harvard.	Worcester.	18m. 12¾s.	Two.
1868.	July 24.	Harvard.	Worcester.	17m. 48½s.	Two.
1869.	July 23.	Harvard.	Worcester.	18m. 2s.	Two.
1870.	July 22.	Harvard.	Worcester.	———	Two.
1871.	July 21.	Amherst.	Springfield.	17m. 47s.	Three.
1872.	July 24.	Amherst.	Springfield.	16m. 32 1-5s.	Six.
1873.	July 17.	Yale.	Springfield.	16m. 59s.	Eleven.
1874.	July 18.	Columbia.	Saratoga.	16m. 42½s.	Nine.

The following history of boating, by Joseph Strutt, printed in London, in 1830, is very appropriate to this work, and we insert it:

I shall not pretend to investigate the antiquity of boat-rowing. This art was certainly well understood by the primitive inhabitants of Britain, who frequently committed themselves to the mercy of the sea in open boats, constructed with wicker work and covered with leather. The Saxons were also expert in the management of the oar, and thought it by no means derogatory for a nobleman of the highest rank to row or steer a boat with dexterity and judgment. Kolson, a northern hero, boasting of his qualifications, declares, that 'he was expert in handling the oar.' The reader may possibly call to his recollection the popular story related by our historians concerning Edgar, surnamed the Peaceable, who they tell us was conveyed in great state along the river Dee, from his palace in the city of West Chester, to the church of St. John, and back again; the oars were managed by eight kings, and himself, the ninth, sat at the stern of the barge and held the helm. This frolic, for I cannot consider it in any other light, appears to be well attested, and is the earliest record of a pastime of the kind.

The boat-quintain* and tilting at each other upon the water, which were introduced by the Normans as amusements for the summer season, could not be per-

* The quintain, originally, was nothing more than the trunk of a tree, or a post, set up for the practice of tyros in chivalry. In process of time, an automaton human figure with a shield was introduced. The feat consisted in smitting the shield. In case he was not successful in striking the part aimed at, the figure would turn round and give him a heavy blow with a wooden sword.

formed without the assistance of the oars, and probably much of the success of the champion depended upon the skilfulness of those who managed the boat.

The institution of the water pageantry at London upon the lord mayor's day, was of an essential service to the professed watermen, who plied about the bridge, and gave occasion to the introduction of many pleasure boats, which in the modern times have been greatly increased. The first procession to Westminster by water was made, A. D. 1453, by John Norman, then lord mayor, for which he was highly commended by the waterman. When tilting at the quintain and justing one against another in boats upon the water were discontinued in this country, rowing matches were substituted, and are become exceedingly popular; we may see them frequently exhibited upon the Thames during the summer season; and as these contests, which depend upon skill as well as upon strength, are rarely productive of anything further than mere pastime, they are in my opinion deservedly encouraged. When a rowing-match takes place near London, if the weather be fine, it is astonishing to see what crowds of people assemble themselves upon the banks of the Thames as spectators, and the river itself is nearly covered with wherries, pleasure boats, and barges, decorated with flags and streamers, and sometimes accompanied with bands of music. This pastime though very ancient, and frequently practised upon solemn occasions by the Greeks and the Romans, does not seem to have attracted the notice of our countrymen in former times.

It may be thought unnecessary for me to mention the well-known annual legacy of Thomas Dogget, a comedian of some celebrity at the commencement of the last century, which provides three prizes to be claimed

by three young watermen, on condition they prove victorious in rowing from the Old Swan Stairs near London Bridge, to the White Swan at Chelsea. The contest takes place upon the first of August; the number of competitors upon this occasion is restricted to six, who must not have been out of their times beyond twelve months. Every man rows singly in his boat, and his exertions are made against the tide; he who first obtains his landing at Chelsea, receives the prize of honor, which is a waterman's coat ornamented with a large badge of silver, and therefore the match is usually called 'Rowing for the Coat and Badge.' The second and the third candidates have small pecuniary rewards, but the other three get nothing for their trouble.

Of late years, the proprietor of Vauxhall Gardens, and Astley the rider, give each of them in the course of the summer, a new wherry, to be rowed for by a certain number of watermen, two of which are allowed to row in one boat; and these contests are extended to two or three heats or trials before the successful candidates are determined.

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NOTE.

In a few instances, errors will be found in names (particularly in initials). The history was started late and compiled hurriedly with the information and statistics received from most of the competing colleges, and the files of magazines and newspapers. We earnestly request all parties interested to forward us corrections in time for our next annual issue.

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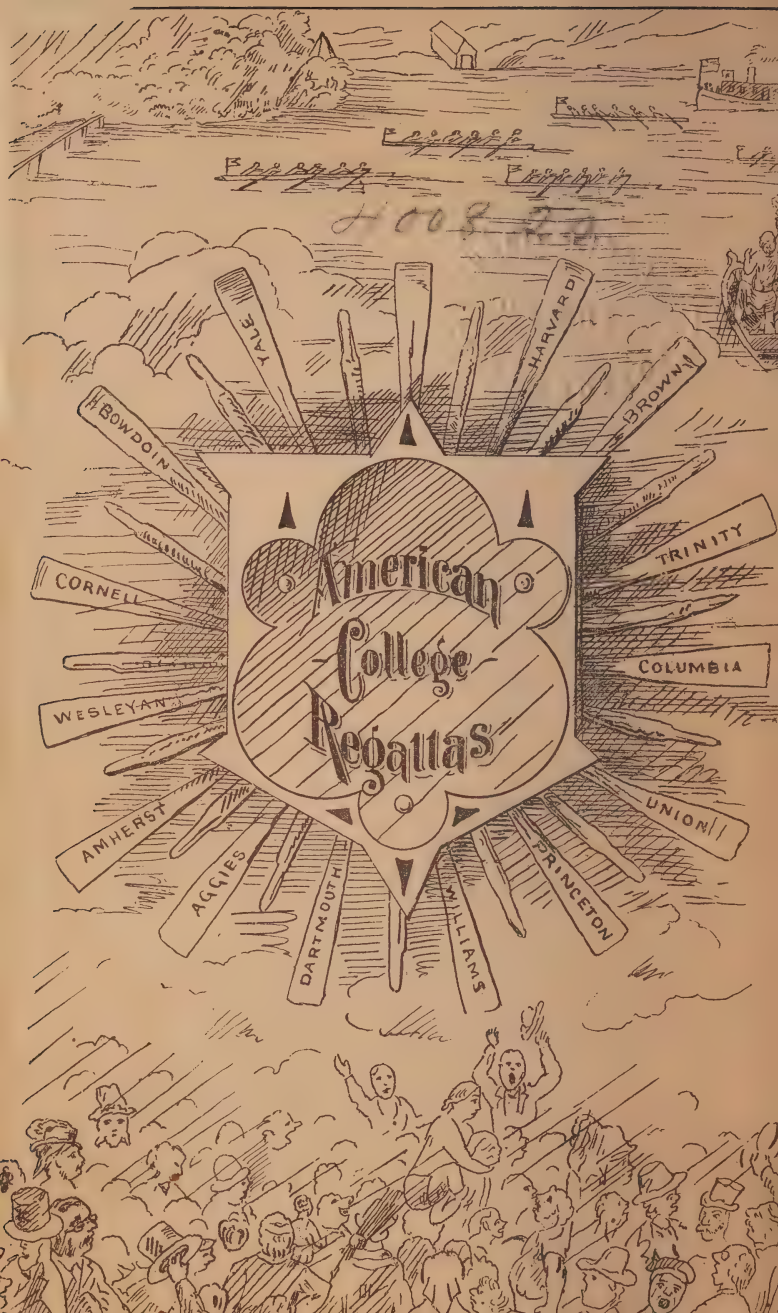
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